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Thirty of the patients in the population had scars in more than one location which permitted one scar to serve as a control for comparison to the therapeutic regime. These thirty patients were divided into three groups. A first group had a topical polysiloxane gel applied periodically to a treatment scar, and no treatment to a control scar. A polysiloxane derivative that is marketed under the trade name Kelo-cote was chosen as the topical silicone gel. Kelo-Cote brand polysiloxane derivative is as described in U. S. Patent 5,741,509. Treated and control scars were then examined for erythema, elevation, and overall softening at thirty days, sixty days, and ninety days. A second group had silicone gel sheeting applied. The second group was also evaluated at 30, 60, and 90 days. A third group had intralesional corticosteroids, followed by vascular laser therapy on a six weekly basis. This group was also examined at 30, 60 and 90 days.